

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Finley Barn Inventory Number: CE-301A
Address: Tawes Drive West of Big Elk Creek; North of MD 273 Historic district: yes ☒ no
City: Fairhill Zip Code: _____ County: Cecil
USGS Quadrangle(s): Newark West
Property Owner: MD DNR Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: Finley Barn Rehab Agency: MD DNR
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Name: Jonathan Sager Date Prepared: 6/20/2005
Documentation is presented in: MIHP CE-301A, CE-75, CE-301, CE-301B, CE-362, CE-365, CE-366, CE-1514, CE-1523, CE-1524
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staf yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Finley barn has significance under National Register Criteria A and C for its association with the agricultural history of Cecil County during the first half of the nineteenth century and as a good illustration of ca. 1830 barn design and construction. The building also contributes to a potential historic district associated with early twentieth century recreation and agriculture.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Andrew Leuer
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Blumentz
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/22/05
Date

6/21/05
Date

200501480

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. CE-301A

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Fair Hill N.R.M.A., Barn Complex

2. Location

street & number Fair Hill N.R.M.A., off of dirt access road

☐ not for publication

city, town Elkton

☒ vicinity

county Cecil

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland Department of Natural Resources

street & number 580 Taylor Avenue, Tawes State Office Building

telephone (410) 260-8186

city, town Annapolis

state and zip code Maryland, 21401

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

tax map and parcel

city, town

liber and folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Individually Listed in the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ HSR or Research report at MHT
- ☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category		Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
			<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
			<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
			<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources	
			<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	previously listed in the Inventory	
					<input type="text"/>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

*See Attached

Inventory Number: CE-301A
Barn Complex
Cecil County, MD
C. Mazurek
July 1998
Section 7.1

The Barn Complex is located in Cecil County, within the Fair Hill N.R.M.A., and off of the dirt access road. It is to the west of Big Elk Creek, south of the Mason-Dixon line, north of Maryland route 273, and east of Maryland route 213. The Finley Property (Fair Hill Nature Center) is directly accross the road. There are numerous sheds on site, as well as, a large feed barn with silos lining the north facade.

The sheds are large, wood frame constructed, with shed doors on the gable ends. The exterior facades and roof have a covering of sheet metal siding. The sheds are arranged side by side with about a 20 foot space between them that allows for proper air circulation and access. On the ridge of the roof are skylights to let in natural light, which are the only windows present. The area surrounding the sheds is covered with asphalt.

The Feed Barn is two and one-half stories tall, with a one story addition on the east facade. Shed roofed side additions are present on both the north and south facades. All along the north facade are three story metal grain silos. The Feed Barn is constructed of wood framing with an exterior covering of sheet metal siding, similar to the siding on the sheds. The roof, on the other hand, has a covering of tin with vents on the ridge. Fixed, 6 paned windows are present in a line; directly under the eaves. The east facade has a portion of the building that slightly rises above the rest of the structure.

The buildings are still in use and appear to be in good condition.

8. Significance

Survey No. CE-301A

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☒ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, and a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, discuss evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

*See Attached

Inventory Number: CE-30A
Barn Complex
Cecil County, MD
C. Mazurek
July 1998
Section 8.1

This Barn Complex appears to date from the early to mid Twentieth century and is significant for its role in the farming industry of the Fair Hill area. The structures were originally used as a feed mill to process and store grain. They are still in use now, with the hay that is grown in the Management Area stored in the buildings after harvest. This hay is then sold, later in the year, to equestrians and farmers.

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Name

Continuation Sheet

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning.

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Farming

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CE-301A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

name/title C. Mazurek, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Maryland Department of Natural Resources

date 9/28/98

street & number 580 Taylor Avenue, Tawes State Office Building

telephone 410 260-8192

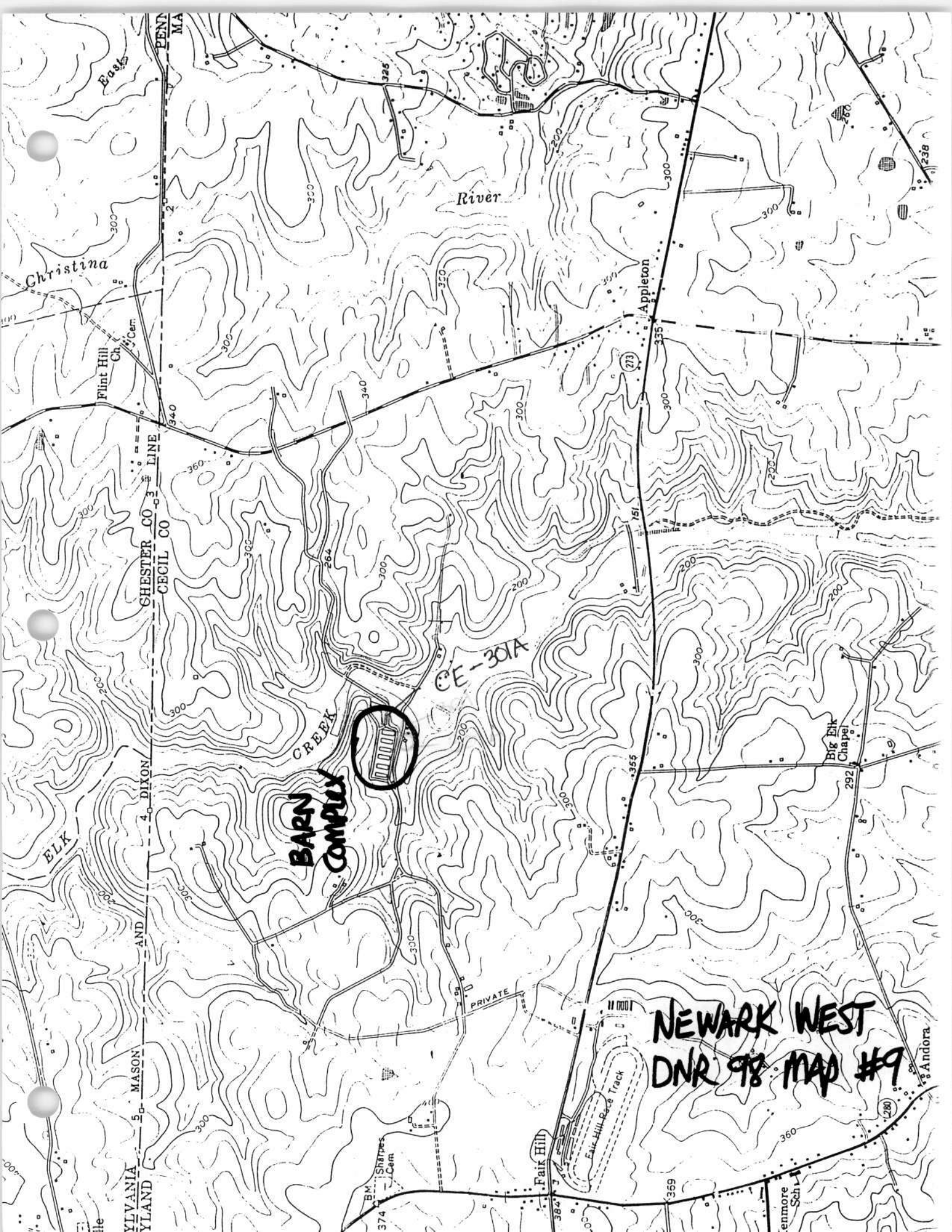
city or town Annapolis

state and zip code Maryland 21401

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2 023
410-514-7646



**BARN
COMPLEX**

**NEWARK WEST
DNR 98 MAP #9**



CE - 301A

BARN (Feed Mill); FAIR Hill N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

N.E. VIEW

1/5

q.a.

CH000987 56 105 05061 4 4 4 4 4 1 2



CE - 301A

BARN, (FEED MILL); FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.
CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
EAST VIEW

2/5

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STORAGE SHEDS; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WEST VIEW

3/5

50 106 0561 N N N N-12 2



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STORAGE SHEDS, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.
CECIL COUNTY, MD
C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SOUTH VIEW

4/5

47 105 8561 N N N N-01 2



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STORAGE SHEDS; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEW OF INTERIOR (SOUTH)

5/5

CECIL 301A 105 5061 N N N N 02 2



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FINLEY BARN; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SOUTH EAST ELEVATION

30 105 0561 N N N N 05 2



CNo. 000 39.195 01061 N N N N 10 2

CE-301A

FINLEY BARN; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

N.E. ELEVATION



CE-301A

FINLEY BARN; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NORTH ELEVATION

36 106 0561 N N N N 13 2



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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

FINLEY BARN

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West of Big Elk Creek, north of Md. 273

CITY, TOWN

Fairhill

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Maryland, Dept. of Natural Resources Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CE-301A

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Finley barn is built of stone rubble with ashlar coins, and of heavy timber framing with board and batten walls. The major portion of the structure has stone walls on three sides, east and west, and on the north, which is the major access wall supporting a gable roof with E-W ridge, board and batten gable ends. On the south, the lines of the stone walls extended on heavy timber beams to cover a deep mow, with a heavy timber board and batten extension above with a shed roof to the main gable supported on fieldstone piers (four) the central two having wooden shoulders. The major storey is the upper, which is reached on the north via an earth ramp with stone revetments, which leads to a bridge over a dug out portion of the bank to the north of the wall (also retained by stone walls) giving northern access to the lower floor as well. The bridge is board and batten on heavy frame, and is roofed with a cross gable to the main gable roof. On the lower floor there are three non-original openings on the east wall, a small round arch door with brick header arch, and two modern garage doors.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1825

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This barn is associated with the Finley stone house (CE-301), and is located near it and the caretakers house on the former William DuPont estate. Local tradition gives the barn a date of mid-18th century, and there is no evidence at this time to either substantiate or deny the claim. The original stone walls are certainly very old, and significant in that they enclose most of the barn, rather than serving simply as end walls. The board and batten addition on the south is certainly of a late 19th century type, as is the comparable entrance bay on the north. The heavy-timber framing, mortised and tenon, pegged with tree nails, is in very good condition, but again, is of a 19th century type. The barn is very similar to that associated with the Beers house (C-300) nearby, including the configuration of the very deep mow with frame loft above, supported on stone piers with wooden shoulders, and the entrance bridge, allowing access to the lower floor from the uphill side. The Beers barn has a stone plaque which bears the date 1826.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

J.D.G. Hnedak, DNR Survey

1978-79

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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FINLEY BARN

Recommendations

This structure is very probably eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, especially in conjunction with its near-twin, the Beers Barn (DNR Fairhill 11, CE-300-A). Maintenance should be carried out diligently, and should include careful inspections to safeguard the condition of the heavy-timber that remains. No major changes should be considered without first consulting the Maryland Historical Trust.

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MARYLAND

MASON

AND

DIXON

CHESTER CO. 3 LINE
CECIL CO

DNR- MCCLARY HOUSE
CE-771

BUNTING HOUSE
CE

DNR-33 SCHOOL HOUSE
CE-758

DNR-1617 BARN, FEED MILL

DNR-28 MCMASTER HOUSE
CE-362

DNR-13 HAY LOFT
CE-300-C

DNR-04 FINLEY BARN
CE-301-A

DNR-12 SMOKE HOUSE
CE-300-13

DNR-47 BARN
CE-364-A

DNR-93 CARP TAKERS
HOUSE

DNR-10 BEERS HOUSE
CE-300-

DNR-50
NEW COVERED BRIDGE

DNR-02 FINLEY HSE
CE-301

DNR-11 BEERS BARN
CE-300-A

DNR-03, 93, TRACK STRUCTURES
CE-552

DNR-103 CLUB
CE-75

DNR-01 COVERED
BRIDGE CE-238

DNR 90-102 TRACK
STRUCTURES CE-552

DNR-72 HOUSE CE-544

DNR 51 HOUSE

DNR 53 STABLES

DNR 56 STONE HOUSE CE-363

DNR 64 STONE STABLES CE-366

Providence

Kenmore Sch

Big Elk
Chapel

TYSON HOUSE

RUINS CE-527

GAYLEN HOUSE

RUINS CE-517

COVERED BRIDGE
SITE CE-516

SCOTT MILL DAM

HOUSE RUINS

SCOTT MILL RUIN
CE

NEW BRICK
WEST
QUAD.

CE-301A

5663 III NW
(BAY VIEW)

LITTLE
ELK

Andora

Granite

Cowe



CE-301A